

Analysis:

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Background Information:

The Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) recently issued guidance in regards to accounting for costs associated with the Gold King Mine response effort. This guidance was routed to the ORD community by OPARM on Friday, August 14, 2015, and it was mentioned at that time, that additional guidance would be routed as information was received.

The attached guidance should be reviewed in detail as it will provide the site code that must be used for all costs related to this response effort. This is to include charging PeoplePlus, travel and contract expenses that are strictly associated with the effort.

The superfund site code that should be used is “**A8K9RV00**.” The effective date of charging to this code is August 5, 2015. If a LCO has already incurred charges, corrections will have to be processed to charge to the superfund site code identified above.

It is important to note that per OPARM conversation with the Emergency Response Operation Center (EOC) on August 17, 2015, OSWER will incur all overtime costs. The OSWER FAN overtime accounting lines are established by the EOC based on the sign in log at the EOC. The employee regular pay should continue to be charged to the regular FAN and if the regular pay involves working on the Gold King Mine effort, the site code of “**A8K9RV00**” should be used.

Instructions for Response:

The attached “Pay Cap Waiver List” template was received from the EOC and must be completed and submitted to OPARM by COB, Wednesday, August 19, 2015. OPARM has been told by the EOC that the template will be used to verify if the bi-weekly pay of an employee plus any overtime will exceed the pay cap limit. A template should be submitted for each LCO identifying staff that are projected to work on the Gold King Mine effort.

OPARM has been told by the EOC that the template will not have to be submitted again at a future date. OPARM is asking that the LCOs submit another template if additional names are added as the new names will be added to the ORD consolidated list and shared with the EOC. OPARM has been told by the EOC that the first two columns on the template do not have to be completed but the remaining columns must be completed.

Please submit the LCO templates to Marcia McCain with a CC to Daniel Gonzales by COB Wednesday, August 19, 2015.